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ON THE COVER . . .

Tight end Greg Latta caught a 58-yard pass vs Detroit Sunday to help set up Chicago's winning touchdown. Action here is a year ago against Philadelphia. That's Noah Jackson blocking up front.

(Photo by Mike Vollan)



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SIGNALING THE START of a new Bear football season is this Chicago cheerleader. The Bears opened the regular season against Detroit, see game story on Pages 4 and 5.

(Photo by Bill Smith)

FOLLOW THE CHICAGO BEARS THIS SEASON

Chicago Bears Regular Season:

Sep. 12	Chicago 10, Detroit 3
Sep. 19	at San Francisco 1:00
Sep. 26	ATLANTA 1:00
Oct. 3	WASHINGTON 1:00
Oct. 10	at Minnesota 1:00
Oct. 17	at Los Angeles 1:00
Oct. 24	at Dallas 1:00
Oct. 31	MINNESOTA 1:00
Nov. 7	OAKLAND 1:00
Nov. 14	GREEN BAY 1:00
Nov. 21	at Detroit 1:00
Nov. 28	at Green Bay 1:00
Dec. 5	at Seattle 1:00
Dec. 12	DENVER 1:00



Doug Buffone



Youth Football in Pennsylvania

It was a typical day of football warfare — the kids of one town against the kids of another town. Without bragging, I could say that we were a little rougher than most youngsters in the eighth grade.

Growing Up

In Western Pennsylvania your father was most likely a farmer, a construction worker or a coal miner and we played like our fathers worked, hard. But things were a little too rough that day.

I came home with my first chipped teeth and that didn't sit well with Dad. Oh he wasn't upset about the game, but the chipped teeth meant that my trumpet playing was going to suffer and he was paying for the lessons.

Don't laugh, I was an all-star at the time in the school band, it wasn't meant to last though. Sports continued to consume more and more of my time while growing up.

Rivalries

There was no organized grade school football in Yatesboro, Pa., so we organized our own team. I got the kids around Rural Valley together and we took on the three neighboring towns of Nu Mine, Rose Valley and Sagamore. It was a year-round athletic league, starting with football in the fall and ending with baseball in the spring.

The four towns were all within six miles of each other so it was no real trouble getting back and forth, that is until the first big snowfall each winter.

Change of Pace

But that wasn't the end of the season. Some of our best games were Snow Bowls, it was a great change of pace playing in the white stuff and it certainly made things more interesting.

Most of our games were played in pastures where we'd measure off approximate 100-yard distances. And then it was an all-out battle.

As our quarterback I tried to keep things as civilized and as simple as possible — you know, 'Go down to the garbage can, take a right and I'll hit you long'. But some of those older guys were brutal and somebody would always end up getting their head beat in, which is not always a fun thing.

Of course, there was no resting, being the day of one-platoon football. You went both ways with no aid of padding; chipped teeth and bruises became commonplace.

Together

Our four-team league was in operation as we went from fifth through eighth grade. After that we became allies rather than enemies, at Shannock Valley High School.

The four towns were consolidated there and as a Class D football team we took on some of the bigger schools in Pennsylvania — there were 60 students in my graduating class.

One of the kids from Sagamore, cousin Jerry Buffone, even stayed with me after high school. We both went on to the University of Louisville. He became an outstanding halfback (scoring 136 points) while I labored out of the spotlight as a center and linebacker.

Family

My Mom (Adeline) and Dad (Sam) often had trouble keeping my brothers (Dennis and Sammy) and I in line during those early years. We did manage to come through it all in one piece, but I sometimes wonder what kind of trumpet career I might have had. It's not worth wondering about you say ... you're probably right.

Mrs. Adeline Buffone takes a look at her son this week, with reporter Fran Spielman, on Page 13.

Roster Changes

Here's the scoop on the Bear roster changes a week ago as all NFL shuffled players to get to the League limit of 43: these cuts were announced on Monday (Sept. 6) — wide receiver **Bob Grim**, guard **Bob Newton**, tight end **Gary Butler**, running backs **Tom Donchez** and **John O'Leary** and defensive backs **Mike Morgan** and **Henry Laws**.

Also on Monday, linebacker **Mickey Malham** was placed on the injured reserved list, with a bad ankle, for the rest of the season. Being activated was defensive end **Roger Stillwell**. (Grim became the fourth Bears' player representative in two years to be released outright).

On Tuesday the Bears cut defensive lineman **Richard Harris** and also announced the waiving of quarterback **Jerry Tagge** and defensive lineman **Jerry Meyers**. By releasing Harris, the Bears chose to enter the 1976 season with seven defensive linemen and nine offensive linemen.

Chicago also acquired the services of two players last week. Running back **Larry Schreiber** was obtained from the San Francisco 49ers for a undisclosed draft choice. Claimed from the New Orleans Saints' waiver list was cornerback **Terry Schmidt**.

Schmidt is a third-year pro from Ball State. He began his career with the Saints as a fifth-round draft pick in 1974. He played in 13 games a year ago as a starter and a substitute. Schmidt received his college degree in biology-chemistry and is looking toward a career in dentistry. (A story on Schreiber appears on Page 10).

Injury Update

Three Bear players skipped the final pre-

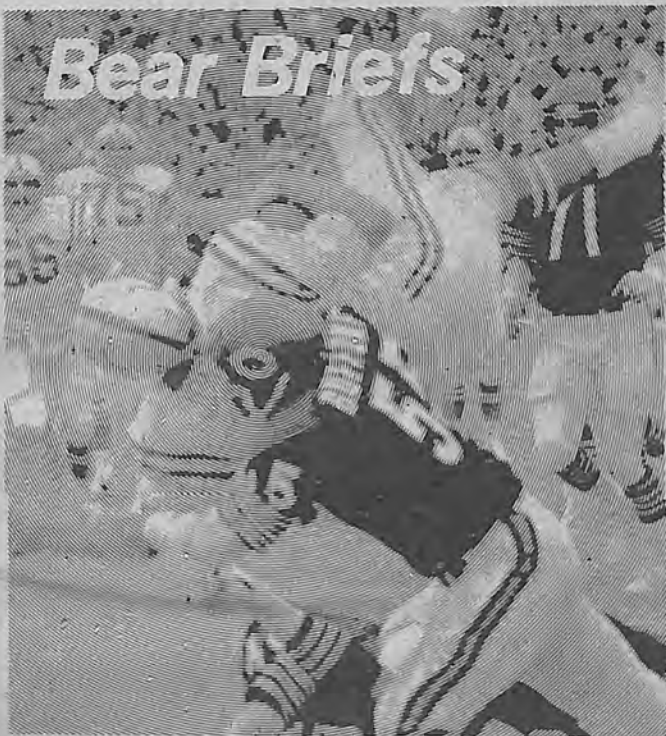
season game vs Washington in order to recuperate: back **Walter Payton** (knee bruise), defensive end **Gary Hrivnak** (calf muscle pull) and defensive end **Roger Stillwell** (knee strain). All three were back at practice before the Detroit game and were expected to see some action against the Lions.

Punter/tight end **Bob Parsons** was jostled last Tuesday in practice as the Bears moved from their Lake Forest College scrimmage area to the South Field (still in town). Parsons was trying to block defensive end **Mike Hartenstine** in a half-speed drill and got hit in the head by pulling guard **Revie Sorey** ... Parsons suffered a sprained neck, but was back in uniform the next day.

AFC PRESEASON NEWS 'N' NOTES

BALTIMORE: HOWARD STEVENS wasn't involved in a Colts scrimmage play last season. He earns his roster spot as a kick returner. He led AFC preseason punt returners with 14.6 avg. and had 12 KORs for 272 yards, a 22.7 avg. Not bad for a 5-5, 165 pounder! BUFFALO: Three players share the NFL regular season record with 4 fumble recoveries in 1 game. Bills backup S STEVE FREEMAN, playing for injured TONY GREENE, had 3 in 1st half vs. Cleveland in the preseason finale; each one led to a score in Buffalo's 28-10 win. CINCINNATI: Rookie WR BILLY BROOKS won a starting job with 19 catches for 246 yards, 3 TDs; he caught 5 passes during his senior year at Oklahoma. ARCHIE GRIFFIN led Bengals rushers with 38 carries for 197 yards, a 5.1 avg., 2 TDs. The 2nd time he touched the ball he ran 49 yards for a TD vs. Buffalo ... CLEVELAND: GREG PRUITT and CLEO MILLER are the probable starting RBs but LARRY POOLE led the Browns' rushers with 72 carries for 315 yards, 2 TDs.

Bear Briefs



Pre-Season

Chicago's 5-1 pre-season mark was the best exhibition record in 16 years, when **George Halas'** final team also went 5-1, in 1959.

"We didn't play well the last few weeks (of the pre-season), but actually we were just a fumble from being unbeaten," said head coach **Jack Pardee**, referring to the Bears' 20-14 loss to St. Louis.

"We made progress all though the pre-season. We're better than we were a year ago and now I hope our regular-season record will show that," Pardee continued.



GOOD FOR 58 YARDS . . . (above) tight end Greg Latta is on his way in helping to set up Sunday's only touchdown at Soldier Field. Charlie Weaver is the Detroit defender. **AT RIGHT**, Bear quarterback Bob Avellini and Lion defensive end Ken Sanders have a quiet chat about the game's progression. (Photos by Bill Smith)



Bears Open with Win Over Detroit; Travel to Face 49ers on Sunday

The Chicago Bears said no thanks to overtime last Sunday as they held on to defeat Detroit 10-3 in the season opener. San Francisco also started its NFL year with a victory, 26-14 at Green Bay; thus the Bears and 49ers will both carry 1-0 records into this weekend's game in California.

That contest begins at 3 p.m. CDT Sunday and will be carried live over WBBM-TV (Channel 3) and WGN Radio (720 AM in Chicago).

Defense-Defense-Defense

Including last year's final three games and this year's pre-season, the Bears have now won eight of their last ten games and they made it two in a row over Detroit with the help of a steady defense. The victory came before 57,339 happy, sun-splashed Chicago fans.

The game's first half was filled with nine punts as both teams struggled to find an offense. Tight end/punter Bob Parsons became Chicago's unlikely offensive weapon. After the Bears third offensive series had apparently been stopped on their own 39 (with a fourth-and-six situation) Parsons entered to punt.

But the former Penn State athlete turned from punter to passer as he hit receiver Steve Schubert, on the fake, with a 23-yard toss. That drive continued to the Lions' 34, the deepest first-half penetration, yet the Bears had motor trouble again. Kicker Bob Thomas came in to salvage things, but his 51-yard field goal attempt was just short as 3:37 remained in the first half.

On the turnover, Detroit cranked up for its only scoring series of the afternoon. Starting on their own 34, the Lions strung together a 14-play drive which finally resulted in three points.

Reed at the Helm

Third-year quarterback Joe Reed, who directed the Lions throughout the game before being hurt in the fourth quarter, started things here with a 13-yard pass to Larry Walton. But 12 plays later Detroit was faced with a fourth-and-goal from the Bear 10 and it was field goal time.

The Lion's all-time kick-scoring leader Errol Mann trotted on and calmly booted a 27-yard FG and the visitors went up 3-0.

Two minutes later it looked like more trouble for the Bears when Parsons had a punt blocked by Detroit's Levi Johnson. The Lions then had the ball at Chicago's 20, but a defensive stand sent Mann back onto the turf, this time his 31-yard attempt was wide to the right and the Lions' lead remained 3-0 at the intermission.

Unique TD

The Bears' first touchdown of the 1976 season came in unique fashion midway through the third quarter.

Herman Weaver set the stage with the longest punt in his seven pro years (69 yards), putting Chicago deep in the hole at their own 3-yard line. Nine yards was all Chicago could muster from there and that meant another punt. Parsons did punt the ball, but it was blocked by Detroit linebacker Ed O'Neil — but that block will not appear in the final stats.

O'Neil did deflect the punt attempt but the ball then bounded off of the Lions' Garth Ten Napel and into the hands of Bear safety Bill Knox — all without touching the ground.

The official ruling on the play read that Ten Napel was charged with a fumble and that Knox's recovery kept the Bear's drive alive.

Chicago thus started anew on its own 26. On the very next play, quarterback Bob Avellini went deep to tight end Greg Latta for a game-breaking completion of 58 yards — down to the Lions' 16. A Lem Barney interception two plays later was nullified by a holding penalty against Detroit and the Bear series continued.

It was Johnny Musso who went the final three yards, over left tackle, to vault the Bears into the lead for good at 7-3.

With only 1:30 elapsed in the final period the Bears turned another Lion mistake into a score.

Fumble

Return man Jim Hunter mishandled a Parsons punt and his fumble was scooped up by Mike Adamle. That gave Chicago a first down on the

Detroit 33.

A 17-yard pass completion from Avellini to Walter Payton moved the ball down to the ten-yard line — enter Thomas. His 27-yard field goal closed the scoring at 10-3.

Nearly Overtime

The Bears' first-ever overtime became a strong possibility on Detroit's final series. A 52-yard pass from Greg Landry to wide receiver Ray Jarvis carried the Lions to the Bear 21 as only 43 seconds remained in the game. But it was all over — four consecutive pass incomplections secured the Chicago win.

Landry had replaced Reed after the Detroit starter sprained both ankles while being sacked by tackle Ron Rydalch.

Pardee Quotes

"To be a sound football team, you've got to be able to depend on defense and your kicking game . . . so today was OK with us," said Bear head coach Jack Pardee following the Detroit game.

"The Lions did a few things we didn't expect that affected our running game. They were blitzing one of their safeties all afternoon and that is how we hit the pass to Latta. If he (the safety) was going after the QB he couldn't cover Latta.

"We've got to work this week on running against any defensive formation and picking up the blitz when we're passing. When a team blitzes you should be able to hurt them deep.

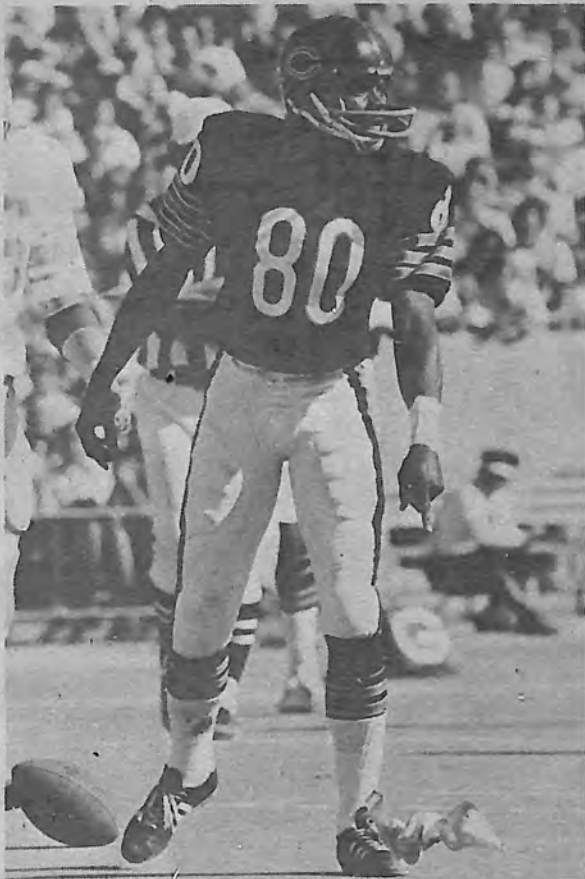
"We were aggressive in the second half and that's what won it for us," Pardee concluded.

Lion coach Rick Forzano commented: "Today's game was decided by the mistakes we made, that's what hurt us. Our defense played super, but we lost the game."

Game Balls

After the victory, game balls were presented to the Bears' Bob Parsons, Ron Rydalch and Waymond Bryant.

The only two Bears who did not see action against the Lions were quarterback Gary Huff and defensive end Gary Hrivnak (who is nursing a sore calf muscle).



RIGHT THERE . . . says Bo Rather (above). The Bear wide receiver was interfered with during fourth-quarter play against Detroit. And at right, Lion running back Horace King was interfered with by linebackers Tom Hicks (54) and Waymond Bryant and end Mike Hartenstine. (Photos by Bill Smith)



FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	LIONS	BEARS
Total First Downs	15	12
By Rushing	6	4
By Passing	9	5
By Penalty	0	3
Third Down Efficiency	5/17	3/16
Total Net Yards	243	240
Total Offensive Plays		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	68	62
Average Gain Per Offensive Play	3.6	3.9
Net Yards Rushing	109	114
Total Rushing Plays	27	43
Average Gain Per Rushing Play		
	4.0	2.7
Net Yards Passing	134	126
Times Thrown-Yards Lost Attempting To Pass	6-32	2-17
Gross Yards Passing	166	143
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	35-15-0	17-8-0
Average Gain Per Pass Play (Inc. times thrown passing)	3.3	6.6
Punts-Number and Average	7-45.7	9-36.8
Had Blocked	0	1
Total Return Yardage	8-75	6-62
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-13	3-2
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	3-62	2-57
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	0-0
No. and Yards Miscellaneous Returns		
(Field Goals, Blocked Punts, Fumble Returns)	0-0	1-3
Penalties-Number and Yards	7-43	8-65
Fumbles-Number and Lost	3-3	0-0
Touchdowns	0	1
Rushing	0	1
Passing	0	0
Returns	0	0
Extra Points Made-Attempts	0-0	1-1
Field Goals Made-Attempts	1-2	1-2

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Lions	0	3	0	0	n/a	3
Bears	0	0	7	3	n/a	10

Lions - E. Mann 27-yard field goal
 Bears - Musso 3-yard run (Thomas kick)
 Bears - Thomas 27 yard field goal

CHICAGO

RUSHING	Att.	Net.	Avg.	Lg.
Payton	25	70	2.8	9
Harper	7	21	3.0	18
Musso	6	19	3.2	7
Rather	1	4	4.0	4
Adamle	2	3	1.5	2
Avellini	2	-3	-1.5	-2

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Lg.
Avellini	16	7	120	58
Parsons	1	1	23	23

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Latta	2	87	58
Schubert	1	23	23
Payton	1	17	17
Parsons	1	9	9
Rather	1	7	7
Harper	1	3	3
Shanklin	1	-3	-3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Parsons	9	331	36.8	62

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Livers	3	2	2

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Baschangel	2	57	42

TACKLES	Solo	Assist
Rives	5	3
Osborne	4	4
Bryant	6	0
Chambers	7	0
Clemons	3	3
Plank	4	2

DETROIT

RUSHING	Att.	Net.	Avg.	Lg.
King	15	57	3.8	9
Bussey	8	24	3.0	11
Read	3	23	7.7	14
Walton	1	5	5.0	5

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Lg.
Reed	23	11	91	19
Landry	12	4	75	52

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jarvis	4	85	52

King	5	42	19
Walton	2	17	13
Franklin	1	16	16
D. Hill	1	11	11
J.D. Hill	1	2	2
Thompson	1	-7	-7

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Weaver	7	320	45.7	69

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Hunter	3	7	5
Ten Napel	1	0	0
Barney	1	6	6

KICK OFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Hunter	2	49	31
King	1	13	13

TACKLES	Solo	Assist
C. Weaver	9	4
K. Sanders	6	4
Ten Napel	6	1
Laslavic	5	1
English	4	2
Orvis	4	2

Attendance: Tickets Distributed 57,359; Actual 54,125; No Shows 3,234; Time 2:51.



Craig Clemons puts the hit on Detroit back Dexter Bussey. (Photo by Bill Smith)



Greg Gordon

- A Bear Report Regular -

Noah Jackson: A Bear Building Block

Noah Jackson likes the taste of good 'ol southern cooking.

He should. It helped make him one of the biggest, baddest Bears around.

Jackson tipped the scales at 280 pounds when he checked into the Bears' training camp this summer — visible results of the cuisine his mother fed him in the off-season.

"I must admit, I enjoy food," Jackson confided.

He enjoys the other finer things in life, too. He drives a fancy Buick Electra equipped with a tape deck and air conditioning. He likes to travel and play golf. He likes to do all the things he couldn't do with regularity before he was a successful pro football player.

A Will To Win

And maybe that's one reason Noah Jackson wants so badly for the Bears to win. It would make all of those things that much more attainable.

Raised in a family of seven, Jackson was the first black ever to play football at Fletcher Senior High School in Neptune Beach, Fla., not far from his hometown of Jackson Beach. He weighed 220 pounds then, but he played middle linebacker.

"In our community, if you didn't play football, you were like nothing," Jackson said. "It's all part of growing up and becoming a man, I think."

If it is, Jackson became a man fast. Recruiters from Tampa University signed him to a scholarship, and he was converted to a starting offensive guard almost immediately. As a sophomore, Jackson was switched back to defensive tackle, then it was back to offensive guard in his junior year.

Family Help

But Jackson needed money to help support his mother and two sisters (his two older brothers were out of school already). He gave up the remainder of his college eligibility and signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League, and spent three seasons with the club.

Jackson remained in the usually unheralded job as an offensive lineman, although he says, "Even right today I think I'm a better defensive player than offensive player."

"But I kind of made the decision to stick with offense. On defense I was getting a lot of injuries. A lot of guys, the only way they could block me was to cut me down."

MAKING ROOM ... is offensive guard Noah Jackson. Here number 65 is moving another 65, defensive tackle Dave Butz of Washington. The Bears beat the Redskins 9-7 in pre-season play September 3.

(Special Photo)

Bears General Manager Jim Finks, who once served as GM of the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL, had his eye on Jackson. Finks traded away a 1975 seventh round draft choice to the Baltimore Colts to get the contract rights to Jackson, whom Baltimore picked in the seventh round of the 1974 draft but failed to sign. Jackson came to the Bears on a three-year contract.

The Better Things

It turned out to be another solid building block for the Bears and for Jackson, another step toward reaching his personal goals.

"Financially, I want to be successful," he says, "so that I could do a lot of things for my family. And I just want to have an overall good life."

Jackson's life has gotten better and better since he joined the Bears, because Coach Jack Pardee has assembled what promises to be one of the best offensive lines in pro football. Jackson, with the belly of a professional wrestler and the speed of a rhinoceros, (4.9 in the 40-yard dash) is a main cog.

Even though Jackson was named to all-rookie teams, the first year in Chicago was tough for a man used to playing on winning teams, but things look better now.

"Last year was the first time I've ever been to a place where the fans booed a team," Jackson says. "The fans have a right to do that because they're paying to see good football. But I got the feeling that something good was going to happen."

It did. The Bears won five of their six exhibition games this summer, their best pre-season record in 16 years.

"Now this year, I haven't heard any boos," Jackson said. "You can go in a store or anywhere on the street and people look at you with a smile instead of a frown."

Jackson has had reason to smile himself this year. With his pro football salary, he already has financed additions to his family's home in Florida. He would like to do more.

"My family has worked hard through the years," Jackson said. "But we made it. We're happy with what's happening to us now."

And coincidentally, so are the Bears.

The Bears On The Move

"We're doing things good now," Jackson says talking football again. "We're starting to do a lot of things good. We don't want to get overconfident. There's still a lot of learning to do. We're just starting to get things together here."

"We've improved our pass protection, and our techniques. We are pulling together as a team. Everybody can take criticism, even up to (offensive tackle) Lionel Antonie, who's been around for six years."

"I hope the team can get together and really bring a winner to Chicago. Last year, we lost games on mental mistakes. We didn't capitalize. We couldn't score points."

"This year, I think we're gonna score points."

Greg Gordon is a writer for United Press International in Chicago.



Pickers Lives Not a Breeze



Sullivan

Haberman

Wievel

The Superpickers

BY RANDY WIEVEL, TIM SULLIVAN,
AND MIKE HABERMAN

Life as a Superpicker is not always a breeze. This was amply illustrated by what happened to us last week.

We were all gathered at the Haberman estate going over the upcoming games when our host decided to slip a recording of Great Moments in Redskins History on the stereo. Moments later, a neighbor lady called and told us to cut out all that cheering, booing, and general carousing.

Wievel decided that she must not be a football fan, so he replaced the Redskins with the Rolling Stones. He also turned the volume up to 110 decibels.

Well, the Stones weren't even halfway through Jumpin' Jack Flash when the lady appeared at the door threatening us with arrest for disturbing the peace. We explained that we were trying to get into a proper picking mood, but she was unimpressed.

When the lady left, Wievel leaned over to Sullivan and asked, "What kind of person hates both football and rock 'n' roll?" Sullivan shrugged, "I don't know. Maybe she's a Mets fan."

With the crisis momentarily solved, Karnac began pounding on Haberman's player piano. The irate neighbor did a quick turn on the front walk, ran back to the front door, and screamed, "Who's playing that piano?"

Haberman, for want of a better answer, shot back, "Elton John."

This had no noticeable effect on our antagonist because she hollered, "Well, tell him to shut up too, or I'll have him arrested!"

Needless to say, we finished our predictions at a bar.

Here are our selections for the NFL's second week of action:

PITTSBURGH OVER CLEVELAND — The Browns have never won at Three Rivers Stadium. But they shouldn't feel too bad. Neither have the Boston Celtics or Montreal Canadiens. Steelers by 10.

LOS ANGELES OVER MINNESOTA — The best Viking runner in the world is Lasse Viren, and he's in Finland. Rams take it by 2.

WASHINGTON OVER SEATTLE — The Seahawks have as much chance of winning this as a North Korean does of landing a job teaching tree pruning at Ole Miss. Redskins by a ton.

OAKLAND OVER KANSAS CITY — The Monday Nighter. Oakland's last trek into Arrowhead Stadium resulted in a 42-10 KC runaway. We tried to

call Al Davis to see if he was worried about the Chiefs. Never reached him. Al was probably out golfing. Raiders by 30.

CHICAGO OVER SAN FRANCISCO — Monte Clark's 49ers are supposed to have a much quicker defense this fall. So what? It only means they'll be able to chase Walter Payton and Johnny Musso into the end zone that much faster. Monsters of the Midway on a Thomas field goal.

MIAMI OVER NEW ENGLAND — Karnac just returned from a vacation trip to Sea World and demands that we ride with the Dolphins, so Shula's School swims by six.

ST. LOUIS OVER GREEN BAY — Japan's national champions (St. Louis) are ah so much better than the Pack right now. Cards by 7, but look for an upset if Green Bay shows up with chopsticks.

BALTIMORE OVER CINCINNATI — We figure the score will be: Colts 49, and Bengals 3. Why? It's simple. We don't like Pete Rose.

ATLANTA OVER DETROIT — And we just figured out one reason why we don't like Pete Rose. He looks too much like Jimmy Connors. Which has nothing at all to do with this game, as Steve Bartkowski will win it by 7.

DALLAS OVER NEW ORLEANS — The whole city of New Orleans must be overweight: Fats Domino, Al Hirt, and now Hank Stram. Look for the North Dallas team to win by 40.

DENVER OVER NEW YORK JETS — When Lou Holtz took over the Jets' coaching job, he discovered that the only way he could reach Joe Namath over the phone was by appointment through Joe's agent. The Broncos couldn't care less, as it's Denver by a mile.

HOUSTON OVER BUFFALO — You gotta like Oiler Elvin Bethea's outlook on life. Elvin is playing out his option this year, which means he's taking a mandatory 10 per cent cut in pay. Is Elvin mad? Nah. "Heck, anybody could live on \$81,000," he laughs. So don't feel sorry for Bethea. Feel sorry for Buffalo's runners when Elvin gets his hands on them. Oilers by 14.

SAN DIEGO OVER TAMPA BAY — Actually, this is our weekly Salad Bowl, or tossup, if you prefer. Wievel thinks John McKay is the wittiest coach since Casey Stengel and has a hunch Tampa Bay will win this battle of the non-powers. He also wishes Sullivan and Haberman would untie his straitjacket.

PHILADELPHIA OVER GIANTS — The New York Giants actually don't exist. They should be called the New Jersey Giants. We're taking Philadelphia by one point. At least they play games in their own hometown!

Super Sports Quiz Number Nine

BY TIM SULLIVAN, RANDY WIEVEL,
AND MIKE HABERMAN

1. Which one of these NFL players was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford?

- a. Otis Sistrunk
- b. Don Meredith
- c. Pat Haden
- d. Alex Karras
- e. Alfred Jenkins

2. Which player had the most fair catches in one season for the Packers?

- a. Willie Wood
- b. Hank Gremminger
- c. Henry Jordan
- d. Jon Stagers
- e. Carleton Oats

3. From reader Ray MacDonald (Milwaukee): Who has the highest lifetime rushing average for the Chicago Bears, based on 250 or more attempts?

- a. Bobby Douglass
- b. Beattie Feather
- c. Gale Sayers
- d. Joe Maniaci
- e. Ron Bull

4. Who was the only man on the entire Houston roster last year that played on a winning Oiler team before 1975?

- a. Willie Alexander
- b. Zeke Moore
- c. Larry Dierker
- d. Ronnie Coleman
- e. Mike Weger

5. What team did Johnny Unitas play with in his last NFL season?

- a. Toronto Bluejays
- b. Pittsburgh Steelers
- c. Baltimore Colts
- d. San Diego Chargers
- e. Golden State Warriors

6. Who is the all-time leading pass receiver for the New York Giants?

- a. Del Shofner
- b. Kyle Rote
- c. Joe Morrison
- d. Lou Cordileone
- e. Frank Gifford

7. Which one of these players makes and designs his own clothes?

- a. Herman Weaver
- b. Gary Weaver
- c. Otis Taylor
- d. Altie Taylor
- e. Red Buttons

8. Who was the first player ever drafted by the Houston Oilers?

- a. Billy Cannon
- b. Frank cannon
- c. Cannonball Butler
- d. Palmer Pyle
- e. Gomer Pyle

9. Who has the Bears' lifetime record for takeaways (intercepting passes or recovering opponents' fumbles)?

- a. Roosevelt Taylor
- b. Dick Butkus
- c. Ed O'Bradovich
- d. Bennie McRae
- e. J.C. Caroline

10. Only once in the history of the NFL did

classmates from the same college backfield gain 1,000 yards each in a single pro season. Which pair of runners did it?

- a. Floyd Little and Larry Csonka
- b. John Brockington and Jim Otis
- c. Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell
- d. O.J. Simpson and Mike Garrett
- e. Greg Pruitt and Johnny Rodgers

ANSWERS TO SUPER SPORTS QUIZ NUMBER NINE

1. c — Ram quarterback Pat Haden said, "Playing cricket at Oxford was as exciting as mailing letters."
2. d — Jon Stagers had 20 fair catches for the Pack in 1972.
3. a — Bobby Douglass averaged 6.62 yards per carry in his rushing career for Chicago.
4. b — Defensive back Zeke Moore was on the Oilers when they used to win more games than they lost a long time ago.
5. d — Unitas bowed out with the Chargers.
6. c — Joe Morrison hauled in 395 passes during his career.
7. b — Packer linebacker Gary Weaver wears his own creations.
8. a — Houston drafted LSU's Cannon in November of 1959.
9. b — Dick Butkus had 47 takeaways — 22 interceptions and 25 opponents' fumble recoveries.
10. c — Franco Harris and Lydell Mitchell each gained over 1,000 yards last year. Floyd Little and Larry Csonka were Syracuse teammates and both gained 1,000 yards in the same pro season, but they weren't classmates.

1976 Regular Season - Game 2

Chicago Bears at San Francisco 49ers

September 19 - 3 p.m. CDT

Candlestick Park - San Francisco, California

A sellout crowd of 56,267 saw the home Packers score first and last Sunday but it was all San Francisco inbetween as the 49ers topped Green Bay 26-14. So it will be two 1-0 teams that meet in California this weekend when San Francisco and Chicago tangle at Candlestick Park.

The 49ers evened the score at 7-all against Green Bay in the second quarter when Jim Plunkett hit Willie McGee with a 24-yard touchdown pass, (the first of two TD receptions for McGee). Running back Delvin Williams put San Francisco in the lead for good later in the second period with a 59-yard run — the 49ers led it 13-7 at halftime.

Plunkett hooked-up with McGee early in the third quarter for a 29-yard scoring toss, Steve Mike-Mayer's PAT had the 49ers up 19-7. Then in the final period it was Williams again, this

time on a one-yard plunge and San Francisco had its biggest point bulge 26-7.

Green Bay finally found the endzone again late in the game on a one-yard run by Cliff Taylor (a former Chicago Bear). The Pack's first TD came on a 15-yard interception return by Johnnie Gray.

A new coach and a new approach is how the San Francisco 49ers have entered the 1976 NFL season. Monte Clark is the new man at the controls of the 49ers and he has helped to alter the personality, character and prospects of his new team. So much so that there is a strong feeling that San Francisco will soon be back in the NFC West title race.

Wide receiver Gene Washington and tight end Tom Mitchell provide new quarterback Jim Plunkett two excellent targets. The 49ers acquired Plunkett, a former Heisman Trophy win-

ner, from the New England Patriots during the off-season. Coach Clark also obtained wide receiver Willie McGee and linebacker Bruce Elia from Tampa Bay in exchange for quarterback Steve Spurrier.

On the Move

Thus Clark has accomplished a number of positives such as (1) stabilizing the unsettled quarterback position which had troubled the 49ers ever since the retirement of John Brodie in 1973; (2) bringing back to the Bay area a player whose fabulous career at Stanford (Plunkett) had made him one of the area's all-time favorites; and (3) added youthful depth at positions where the club was in need (wide receiver and linebacker).

In San Francisco, Clark takes over a team that has experienced three troubled years (1973, 5-9; 1974, 6-9; 1975, 5-9) after having won NFC Western Division titles in 1970-71-72. Yet, despite the disappointments of recent seasons, the 49ers do possess a number of strong points in addition to Plunkett.

Back Delvin Williams averaged 5.4 yards per carry last year, just a 10th of a yard behind league-leader O.J. Simpson. Other good backs are Wilbur Jackson, the Club's number one draft choice in 1974, and former UCLA all-American Kermit Johnson, both halfbacks, and fullback Sammy Johnson.

Helping to strengthen the offensive line for the 49ers are guard Woody Peoples, a starter for seven seasons and tackle Cas Banaszek, a Northwestern grad who also attended Gordon Tech in Chicago.

There are some class performers on defense for San Francisco: ends Cedrick Hardman and Tommy Hart, linebackers Skip Vanderbundt and Frank Nunley and cornerbacks Jimmy Johnson and Bruce Taylor.

A year ago San Francisco finished second in the NFC West behind champion Los Angeles (12-2).

The Series

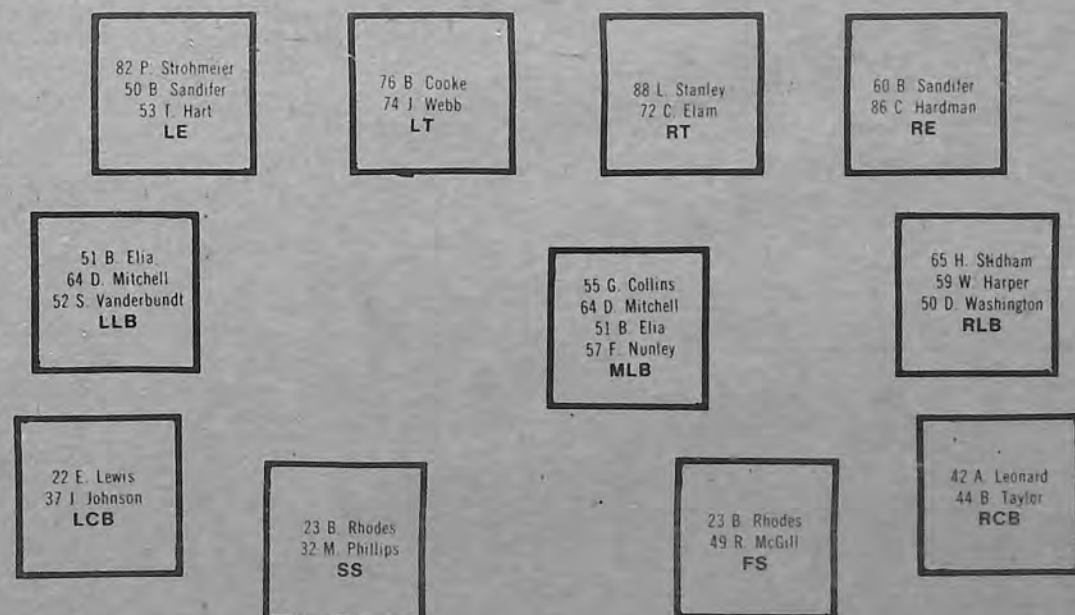
A win for the Bears in San Francisco would even the series between the two teams. In a rivalry dating to 1950, the 49ers currently hold a one game advantage 21-20-1 overall. During the regular season San Francisco is up 21-19-1.

In that first-ever game in 1950 Chicago won 32-20 in San Francisco. Last season Chicago was again visiting the Bay but lost 31-3. It was the sixth straight 49er win over the Bears. The last Chicago win was at Wrigley Field in 1968, a 27-19 victory. The Bears largest winning margin over San Francisco came in Chicago in 1965, 61-20.

Bears Offense



49ers Defense

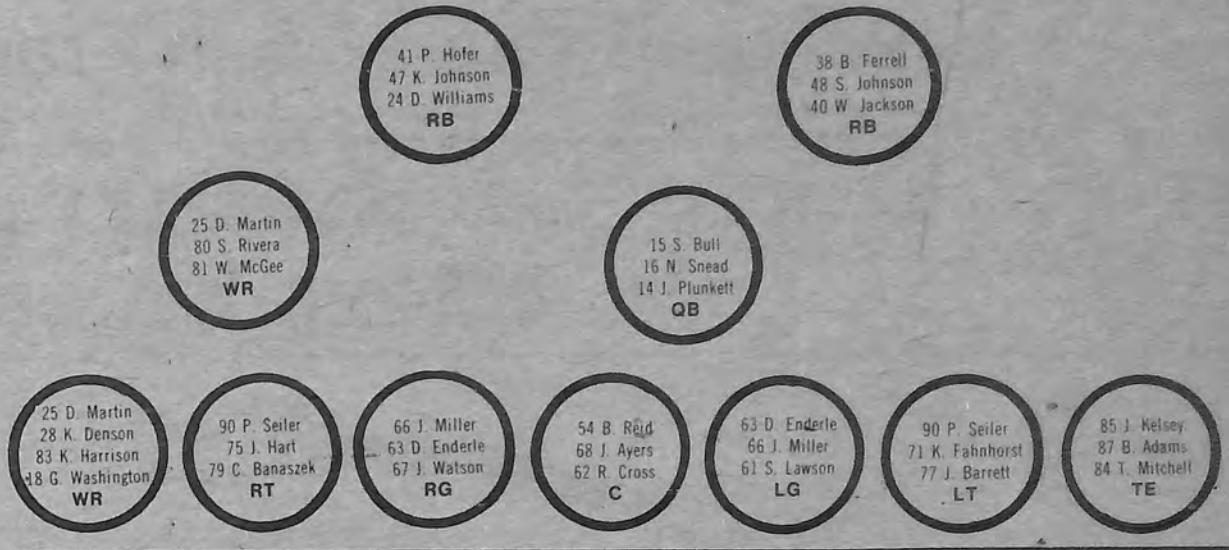


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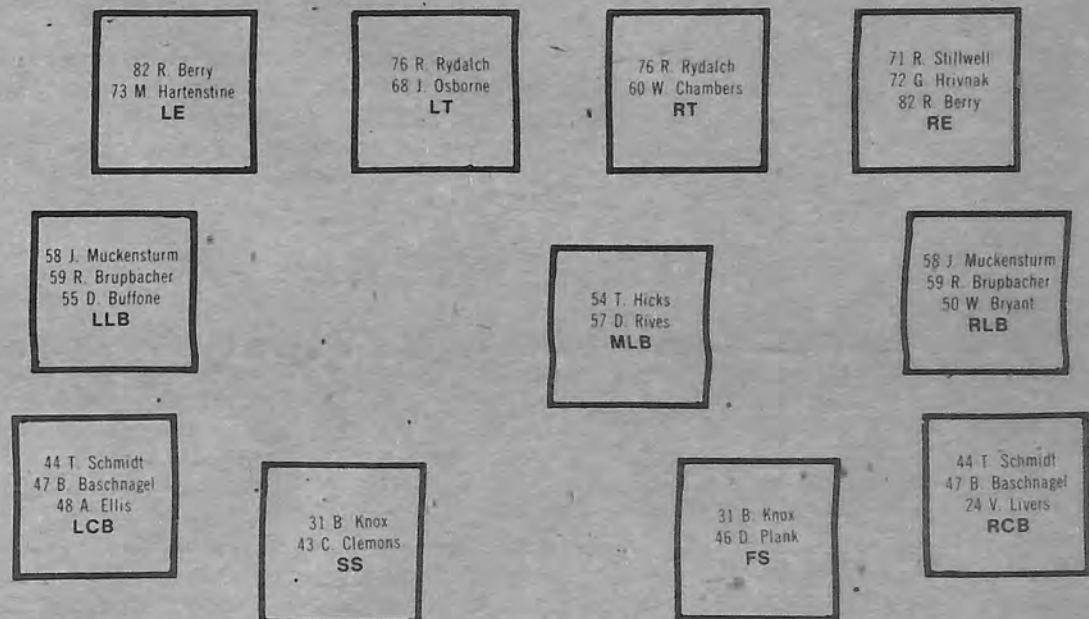
Bears

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Yr	College
7	Avellini, Bob	QB	6-2	211	23	2	Maryland
9	Carter, Virg	QB	6-1	190	30	7	Brigham Young
16	Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	177	24	2	Notre Dame
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	199	25	4	Florida St.
20	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	198	26	6	Northwestern
22	Musso, Johnny	RB	5-11	201	26	2	Alabama
24	Livers, Virgil	CB/PR	5-8	176	24	2	W. Kentucky
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	187	28	7	N. Texas St.
31	Knox, Bill	CB/S	5-9	190	25	3	Purdue
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	203	22	2	Jackson St.
35	Harper, Roland	RB	5-11	215	23	2	La. Tech
36	Schreiber, Larry	RB	6-0	205	29	6	Tennessee Tech
43	Clemons, Craig	S	5-11	195	27	5	Iowa
44	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	24	3	Ball State
46	Plank, Doug	S	5-11	198	23	2	Ohio State
47	Baschnagel, Brian	CB/WR	6-0	195	22	2	Ohio State
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	180	25	4	UCLA
50	Bryant, Waymond	LB	6-3	239	24	3	Tenn. State
52	Neal, Dan	C/G	6-4	257	27	4	Kentucky
53	Peiffer, Dan	C	6-3	254	25	2	S.E. Missouri
54	Hicks, Tom	LB	6-4	235	23	1	Illinois
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	229	32	11	Louisville
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Texas Tech
58	Muckensturm, Jerry	LB	6-4	226	22	R	Arkansas St.
59	Brupbacher, Ross	LB	6-3	220	28	4	Texas A&M
60	Chambers, Wally	DT	6-6	250	25	4	E. Kentucky
62	Jiggitts, Dan	T	6-4	274	22	R	Harvard
63	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	255	30	9	Pacific
65	Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	265	25	2	Tampa
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	248	27	5	Southern
69	Sorey, Revie	G	6-2	270	22	2	Illinois
70	Lick, Dennis	T	6-3	271	22	R	Wisconsin
71	Stillwell, Roger	DE	6-5	254	24	2	Stanford
72	Hrivnak, Gary	DE/DT	6-5	251	25	4	Purdue
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	256	23	2	Penn State
75	Sevy, Jeff	T/G	6-5	260	25	2	California
76	Rydalch, Ron	DT	6-4	262	24	2	Utah
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	266	26	5	S. Illinois
80	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	188	25	4	Michigan
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-3	239	30	8	Houston
85	Schubert, Steve	WR	5-10	187	25	3	Massachusetts
86	Parsons, Bob	TE/P	6-5	241	26	5	Penn State
88	Latta, Greg	TE	6-3	228	23	2	Morgan St.

49ers Offense



Bears Defense



SPECIALISTS

49ers

BEARS

13 T. Wittum
30 B. Gossett
10 S. Mike Mayer
P

15 S. Bull
13 T. Wittum
H

68 J. Ayers
67 J. Watson
88 L. Stanley
Deep Snaps

13 T. Wittum
P

42 A. Leonard
28 K. Denson
49 R. McGill
44 B. Taylor
PR

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47 K. Johnson
44 B. Taylor
KOR

86 B. Parsons
P

16 B. Thomas
K/KO

47 B. Baschnagel
24 V. Livers
PR/KOR

53 D. Peiffer
51 D. Neal
PC/KC

19 G. Huff
9 V. Carter
H

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10	Mike Mayer, Steve	K	6-0	179	28	2	Maryland
13	Wittum, Tom	P/K	6-1	191	26	4	N. Illinois
14	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	219	28	6	Stanford
15	Bull, Scott	QB	6-5	211	23	R	Arkansas
16	Snead, Norm	QB	6-3	213	37	16	Wake Forest
18	Washington, Gene	WR	6-1	187	29	8	Stanford
22	Lewis, Eddie	CB	6-0	177	22	R	Kansas
23	Rhodes, Bruce	S	6-0	187	24	1	S.F. State
24	Williams, Delyin	RB	6-0	197	25	3	Kansas
25	Martin, Doug	WR	6-3	185	24	1	Vanderbilt
28	Denson, Keith	WR	5-9	170	24	1	San Diego St.
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-0	226	34	12	Richmond
32	Phillips, Mel	SS	6-1	184	34	12	N. C. A&T
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	187	38	16	UCLA
38	Ferrell, Bob	RB	6-0	220	23	R	UCLA
40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	219	24	3	Alabama
41	Hofer, Paul	RB	6-0	195	24	R	Mississippi
42	Leonard, Anthony	CB	5-11	170	23	R	Va. Union
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	186	28	7	Bos. Univ.
47	Johnson, Kermit	RB	6-0	202	24	2	UCLA
48	Johnson, Sammy	RB	6-1	217	23	3	N. Carolina
49	McGill, Ralph	S	5-11	178	26	6	Tulsa
50	Washington, Dave	LB	6-5	228	27	7	Alcorn
51	Elia, Bruce	LB	6-1	217	23	2	Ohio St.
52	Vanderbundt, Skip	LB	6-3	222	29	8	Oregon St.
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	249	31	9	Morris Brown
54	Reid, Bill	C	6-1	238	24	2	Stanford
55	Collins, Greg	LB	6-3	221	23	2	Notre Dame
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	221	30	10	Michigan

49ers

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59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	208	26	4	Nebraska
60	Sandifer, Bill	DE	6-6	260	24	3	UCLA
61	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	27	7	Kansas
62	Cross, Randy	C	6-3	247	22	R	UCLA
63	Enderle, Dick	G	6-2	250	28	8	Minnesota
64	Mitchell, Dale	LB	6-3	223	23	1	S. California
65	Stidham, Howard	LB	6-3	220	21	R	Tennessee Tech
66	Miller, Johnny	G	6-1	248	22	R	Livingstone
67	Watson, John	G	6-4	244	27	6	Oklahoma
68	Ayers, John	C/T	6-5	240	23	R	W. Texas St.
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	257	33	9	Grambling
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	256	24	3	Minnesota
72	Elam, Cleveland	DT	6-4	252	24	2	Tenn. State
74	Webb, Jimmy	DT	6-4	247	24	2	Miss. St.
75	Hart, Jeff	T	6-5	250	22	2	Oregon St.
76	Cooke, Bill	T	6-5	250	25	1	Massachusetts
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81	McGee, Willie	WR	5-10	187	26	4	Alcorn
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85	Kelsey, John	TE	6-6	237	24	R	Missouri
86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-4	244	27	7	N. Tex. State
87	Adams, Bob	TE	6-2	218	26	6	Pacific
88	Stanley, Levi	DT	6-2	251	23	R	Hawaii
90	Seiler, Paul	T	6-4	260	30	5	Notre Dame



Don Pierson

- A Bear Report Regular -

Schreiber Returns Home vs 49ers Sunday

Larry Schreiber may not have left his heart in San Francisco, but he did leave his home.

"I'll go back there when it's all over," said the new Bears' running back after the 49ers shipped him East. "I've got a place (in Woodside)."

First, he'll go back there this week to play against his old teammates, something that wasn't on his mind at all two weeks ago.

The Trade

Getting traded is never easy, even if you expect it. For pro football players it is a way of life. There isn't a player in the game who thinks it couldn't happen to him. Yet there isn't a player in the game who isn't a bit shocked when it happens. Even if they are ecstatic to get out of a place, they are shaken to learn their lives have been suddenly uprooted.

Few people want out of San Francisco. Schreiber was no exception.

"I had an inclination it was going to happen," he said. "You see things happening and then when I didn't play in the fifth preseason game I knew something was up. Usually they play the last two pre-season games with the starters they want for the season."

For the 49ers it was Wilbur Jackson and Delvin Williams. Schreiber, who started every game in 1974 and 1975, found himself the old man (29) of the running backs under the new coaching regime of Monte Clark.



GAME ACTION ... newly-acquired Larry Schreiber was put into immediate action last week, working with the Bears' special teams against Detroit. (Photo by Bill Smith)

Switching

"It started with the coach coming in and saying he wanted a big fullback, then switching Wilbur from halfback to fullback," said the 6-foot, 205-pound Schreiber. "From there on in you could just tell. I started the first preseason game, but still you could see the situation developing so I didn't really feel too wanted, you know? I didn't want to leave, but then again, you don't want to stick around if they're going to play other people. So I guess that was their feeling, too."

Schreiber came to the 49ers' practice Sept. 3, the day before the team was to play its preseason finale in Los Angeles. Clark called him into his office to tell him Bears' General Manager Jim Finks had just traded a draft choice for him.

Not Married

"At the time I was kind of caught off guard. It wasn't so much of a shock as just the reality of it finally happening," said Schreiber.

He then went to the locker room and told some teammates. He had been with most of them for six years, played basketball on the 49er team in the offseason and lived year-around in Woodside. He is not married and feels fortunate that he didn't have to move a family.

"It was tough saying goodbye to everybody and have them watch you leave. You know how they feel because you've done the same thing when others leave. So I just got my shoes and everything and took off, got out of the locker room as fast as I could," said Schreiber.

Thinking about Chicago and coming back to play the 49ers never occurred to him.

"I didn't know it until I checked the schedule," he said. "I should have known that we were going to play Chicago, but at the time that wasn't even on my mind. I think somebody else mentioned it to me. Someone said, 'See you in two weeks' and I asked him what he meant."

Just Hope to Play

There probably will be stories about "Larry Schreiber's Revenge" in San Francisco this week, but Schreiber says, "I just hope I get to play."

Finks called him another Roland Harper and Bears' Coach Jack Pardee said he will give the Bears "more of what we've got," a group of five compact, tough runners with good balance and good hands who don't mind blocking for each other.

As a receiver, Schreiber helped beat the Bears 35-21 in 1972 when he rambled 64 yards with a screen pass in Soldier Field. It is his longest pass reception.

John Brodie, former 49er quarterback, says, "He does so many things so well. He's more than just a runner. He's a fine blocker and great receiver. He runs great patterns. I always knew I could depend on him to be in the right spot when I was throwing to him."

Wants to Contribute

A 10th-round draft choice out of Tennessee Tech in 1970, Schreiber alternated at fullback with Ken Willard in 1972. He started the first four games in 1973 before suffering cartilage and ligament damage of a knee that required surgery.

Although he admits he "wouldn't want to go through that again," he recovered well enough to enjoy his best season as a pro in 1974, gaining 634 yards in 174 carries.



NOW A BEAR ... former San Francisco 49er Larry Schreiber goes through one of his first practice sessions at Lake Forest last week. (Photo by Bill Smith)

He hasn't played on special teams for three years, he says, but the Bears put him to work in that department immediately.

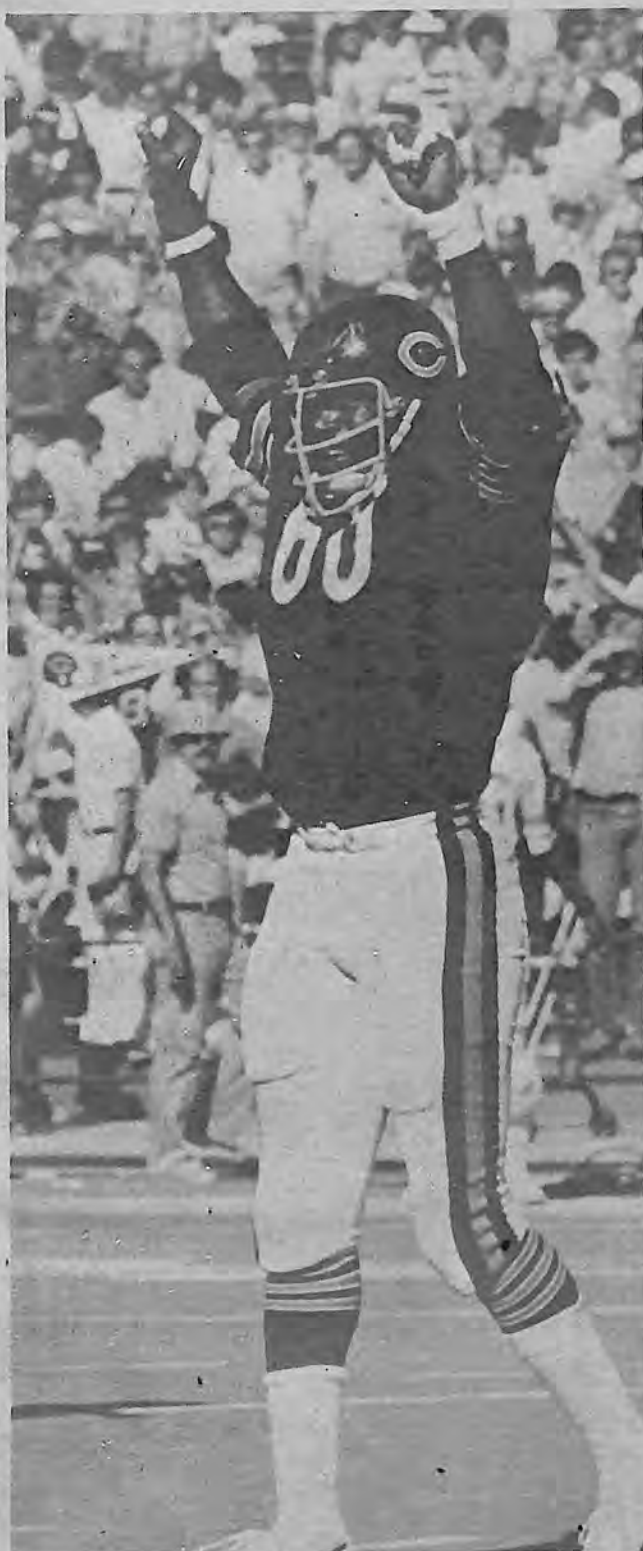
"I like the Chicago area," he said. "It seems like a nice place from the times I've been to meetings and the times I've played here. The team seems enthusiastic and I hope I can contribute."

Don Pierson is a sports writer for the Chicago Tribune.



BEAR STATISTICS

At right are the Bears' offensive statistic totals for their six pre-season games. Team and individual totals will appear here each week throughout the regular season (although the statistics WILL NOT include those from the preceeding Sunday game).



VICTORY . . . Bear defensive tackle Wally Chambers gives his patented victory signal following the Bears 10-3 season opening win at Soldier Field. (Photo by Bill Smith)

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

J 31 (DN)	Bears 15; Broncos 14	22,495
A 7 (SP)	Bears 27; Seahawks 16	14,484
A 14 (S)	Bears 25; Colts 14	54,338
A 21 (S)	Cardinals 20; Bears 14	55,755
A 28 (TA)	Bears 10; Bucs 7	47,592
S 3 (WA)	Bears 9; Redskins 7	31,801

TEAM STATISTICS	Bears -	Opponent				
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	106	83				
Rushing	54	33				
Passing	39	40				
Penalty	13	10				
Third Down Efficiency	39/98	22/84				
TOTAL NET YARDS	1656	1272				
Avg. Per Game	276.0	212.0				
Total Plays	404	341				
Avg. Per Play	4.1	3.7				
NET YARDS RUSHING	968	587				
Avg. Per Game	161.3	97.8				
Total Rushes	265	172				
Avg. Per Rush	3.7	3.4				
NET YARDS PASSING	688	685				
Avg. Per Game	114.7	114.2				
Tackled/Yards Lost	12/103	21/175				
Gross Yards	791	860				
Attempts/ Completions	127/62	148/75				
Pct. of Completions	48.8	50.7				
Had Intercepted	7	6				
PUNTS/AVERAGE	30/39.6	41/37.2				
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	33.5	33.8				
PUNT RETURNS/AVERAGE	20/5.9	15/9.5				
KICKOFF RETURNS/AVERAGE	17/25.2	26/24.8				
MISC. RETURN/AVERAGE	5/-0.8	2/-3.0				
INTERCEPTIONS/AVG. RETURN	6/8.3	7/21.0				
PENALTIES/YARDS	37/326	51/447				
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	8/4	10/5				
TOUCHDOWNS	10	10				
Rushing	6	4				
Passing	3	4				
Returns	1	2				
EXTRA POINTS/ATTEMPTS	7/10	9/10				
FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS	11/15	3/7				
TOTAL POINTS	100	78				
SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
BEARS	19	26	20	35	x	100
Opponents	14	20	7	37	x	78
RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
Payton	68	305	4.5	25	3	
Harper	65	267	4.1	13	0	
Musso	63	211	3.3	15	1	
Adamle	29	110	3.8	36	1	
Donchez	17	39	2.3	6	1	
Avellini	12	23	1.9	9	0	
O'Leary	2	11	5.5	7	0	
Kasowski; Carter	2; 2	4; 4	2.0	4; 6	0	
Rather; Huff	2; 2	-4; -2	-1.5	2; 1	0	
* BEARS TOTAL	265	968	3.7	36	6	
Opp. Total	172	587	3.4	17	4	
FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Thomas	0-0	3-3	3-3	2-3	1-2	
Danmeier	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-1	
Opp. Total	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-3	0-1	

*Parsons 1 rush for 0 yards.

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	Avg./Att.	TD	Pct. TD	Int.	Pct. Int.	LG	Lost/Att.	Rating
Avellini	89	46	573	51.7	6.44	2	2.2	6	6.7	59	10/84	51.
Carter	31	14	181	45.2	4.52	0	0.0	1	3.2	42	1/42	45.
Huff	5	2	37	40.0	7.40	1	20.0	0	0.0	24	0/0	105.
Musso	2	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	1/7	0.
BEARS TOTAL	127	62	791	48.8	6.23	3	2.4	7	5.5	59	12/103	53.
Opp. Total	148	75	860	50.7	5.81	4	2.7	6	4.1	49	21/175	60.

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Harper	16	127	7.9	20	0
Musso	9	113	12.6	27	1
Payton	9	111	12.3	42	0
Parsons	6	72	12.0	24	1
Rather	5	117	23.4	56	1
Latta	4	102	25.5	59	0
Shanklin	3	45	15.0	21	0
Schubert	3	39	13.0	24	0
Adamle	3	23	7.7	10	0
Parker	1	14	14.0	14	0
Andersen; Grim	1; 2	13; 15	9.3	13	0; 0
BEARS TOTAL	62	791	12.8	59	3
Opp. Total	75	860	11.5	49	4
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Livers	1	35	35.0	35	1
Ellis	2	13	6.5	11	0
Rydalch	1	2	2.0	2	0
Muckensturm	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bryant	1	0	0.0	0	0

BEARS TOTAL	6	50	8.3	35	1
Opp. Total	7	147	21.0	63	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Schubert	6	4	69	11.5	40	0
Livers	10	1	27	2.7	19	0
Baschnagel	4	1	22	5.5	7	0

BEARS TOTAL	20	6	118	5.9	40	0
Opp. Total	15	0	142	9.5	19	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Baschnagel	13	392	30.2	52	0
Musso	1	16	16.0	16	0
Morgan	1	12	12.0	12	0
Muckensturm	1	10	10.0	10	0
Schubert	1	4	4.0	4	0

BEARS TOTAL	17	434	25.2	52	0
Opp. Total	26	644	24.8	92	1

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	FG	PAT	TP
Thomas	0	0	0	9-11	3-4	30
Payton	3	0	0	0-0	0-0	18
Musso	1	1	0	0-0	0-0	12
Danmeier	0	0	0	2-4	4-6	10
Adamle	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Parsons	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	6
Rather	0	1	0	0-0	0-0	6
Donchez	1	0	0	0-0	0-0	6
Livers	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	6

BEARS TOTAL	6	4	1	11-15	10	100
Opp. Total	4	4	2	3-7	9	78

Thomas FGs: (35,25,55) (20) (50,42) () (48,44) (21,36,30)
 Danmeier FGs: (49) (54,40) (44) () ()
 Opp FGs: (35) (52,47) () (38,24,40) () (47)



Everyfan

by Elliott Anderson

(For those of you who may have missed last week's column, the Illyria is a Bears' bar on the city's near west side, a place of mythic, some might even say fantastic, proportions, not for its shabby chic, or hits high fashion glitter, but for its troop of Bears' regulars.)

A Real Fan

After the pre-season win over Tampa Bay, Maggie Maroney and Charlie Hicks stay on to talk to Jesse Buck and Rhonda. At closing time, they're still sitting at the bar nursing beers and making small talk. There are three other customers in the place, the couple from the long table whose names nobody can seem to remember, and a heavy set guy named Foster who's sitting next to Charlie. When the talk turns to Isaac Hagin's touchdown, (Charlie's said something innocuous, like "It'll happen every time, you put a guy on waivers and first thing you know somebody else picks him up and he's playing like a superstar"), Foster turns on his stool and says, "Yeah? Well when everybody falls down don't matter who's got the ball, he's gonna score."

"How's that?" Charlie asks. He hasn't been paying much attention to the guy, and he isn't paying much attention to him now.

"Yeah," Foster says, "and another thing I'll tell ya. We all fall down like that against the Redskins next week and we're dead!"

Charlie just looks at him for a minute. He sees the funny glassy look in his eyes, but for some reason it doesn't register. He's tired, it's late, and he's already thinking about the drive home. Maybe he figures the guy's had a few too many. Whatever, he doesn't react like he should. He just says, "Yeah, right, guess so," and turns back to Maggie and Rhonda. Jesse Buck's got his back turned and Mancek, who's been stacking chairs but senses what's coming, is about a step and a half too late. Before he can grab him, and before Rhonda can yell "watch out", Foster turns Charlie half around on his stool and pops him one. The upshot of which is that this week Charlie's got a mouse the color of a plum under his left eye, Foster's banned from the Illyria permanently (which means at the very least a couple of weeks), and Maggie's got an excuse to elaborate her notions of what it means to be a real fan.

She goes on for a while about how we all get carried away and how a cousin from Pittsburgh got so nervous once watching a Steelers' game on TV it made him sick. She's in an expansive mood, and feeling philosophical as she addresses the table, her white blonde hair done up in an elaborate bouffant, a sequined shawl draped loosely about her shoulders. "You see, the point is," she says at last, with a big grin for Charlie, "What's his name Foster said we, we all fall down. You gotta know what's goin' through his head. All those guys who couldn't tackle Hagins and it's killin' him. He sits there with the whole thing runnin' through his head like a movie, and there's nothin' he can do about it. I mean he's in there, too, but with nothin' to do. All he can do is watch."

Kolakowski nods and Ben "Big Bear" Carruthers lays a huge hand on Charlie's shoulder. "It's a rough sport," he says.

Washington

After last week's performance, the Redskins game has a real edge to it. Rives plays better than he has all pre-season and the secondary looks good. Livers and Ellis are sharp and even without Walter Payton, the offense is persuasive if not overwhelming. It isn't until the fourth quarter, though, that things really heat up. First, Greg Latta takes a long pass from Avellini on a sideline route for what looks like a touchdown only to have the ball brought back up field. The call is that he stepped out of bounds. Replays from two different angles show he got close to the line, maybe stepped on it, but the shot from the endzone also shows he had more room to maneuver than we'd first thought.

Doc groans and throws up his hands. "Shoulda been six, all right."

Big Bear shakes his head and draws diagram after diagram of how the play might have gone, in a pool of beer on the table.

Three downs later, Thomas kicks his third field goal to make it 9-0 Bears.

It's now that what Maggie's said about sitting there and just watching makes the most sense. Every one of us knows the set up. Washington's going to score. Never mind hindsight, we know. And because we can count, we also know that when they do score, all they'll need is a field goal to win. Time is the only factor now, time and the distant determined participation of two hundred odd fans crowded into the Illyria.

Maggie puts her arm around Charlie's shoulders, Big Bear sets up a rhythmic, gentle pounding on the table top, Doc sits forward, fists clenched on his knees. The beer clock with its field of dancing lights over the bar marks the pulse of the game. And Washington scores.

A thousand miles or more away, sitting in the Illyria, the tension is palpable, but down there on the field in Washington where it's real, there's a game going on and even though we're in it, too, all we can do is watch, like ghosts.

Happily, Washington does not score again, the Bears win, and nobody gets hit. At the final gun, Maggie stands up and hugs Charlie and Big Bear slaps Kolakowski on the back and Doc does a little dance step on his chair. Then the set goes off, the screen goes black, and it's over. Except it's not.

Because like Maggie said, there's this movie in your head, which is a football game.

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Mom Buffone Rates Linebacking Son

It was just one in a countless pile of irate telegrams Howard Cosell had gotten used to receiving in the course of a normal Monday Night Football season. But, there was something about this one that made even Humble Howard sit up and take notice.

For one thing, it was **NOT** from a die-hard fan who demanded to know just where Howard had gotten the gall to say such-and-such about so-and-so — who just happened to be his or her favorite player.

And for a change, it wasn't even a simple request for Howard to keep his big mouth shut, and let the nation watch a football game in peace.

Nope. This one was different all right. Instead of dwelling on the negatives of Howard Cosell's broadcasting abilities, this telegram dwelt on the positive linebacking abilities of Chicago Bears' defenseman Doug Buffone.

It talked about how Buffone had been treated like a forgotten man throughout his NFL career, and ignored in 10 years of All-Pro selections.

It told how Buffone was really one of the premier linebackers ever to play pro ball whether network commentators like Cosell were smart enough to realize it or not.

And finally, it was signed by, none other than the linebacker's proud mother, Adeline Buffone.

A Mother's Pride

"I suppose you could call it a mother's pride," Adeline said from her rural home in (where else?) Rural Valley, Pennsylvania. "I just got sick and tired of hearing all the broadcasters and sportswriters referring to Doug as, 'Number 55,' or simply 'the other linebacker.'"

"I've been a football fan all my life, and in my opinion, he's the best that ever played the game, bar none. Even if the man (Cosell) didn't agree with me, I felt it was about time I told him how I felt."

"The man" never gave himself the chance to decide whether he agreed with Adeline

Buffone's Western Union scouting report or not. Howard Cosell was so intrigued with the telegram, he brought it to the stadium with him that very Monday night and shared it with his entire ABC audience on nationwide television.

Shocked

"You can't believe how shocked I was when I heard it," Adeline said, "I mean — I hoped he'd get around to reading it sometime. But I never dreamed it would be in front of all those people!"

"Almost as soon as he read it, the phone started ringing off the hook with people here in town calling to say they were behind me," she said. "I even got over a hundred letters from football fans around the country who said they agreed about Doug's being underrated, and they were thrilled his mother finally had the guts to say it."

Doug Buffone might be the first to disagree. Not that the Bears' veteran linebacker is at all ungrateful for his mother's not-so-subtle efforts to charter a nation-wide fan club.

It's just that he would have preferred she hadn't displayed quite as much guts. The kind it took to refer to her son by his childhood nickname, right in the text of the telegram.

"I call him Dikey," Adeline said proudly. "Ever since he was a little boy, Doug was so determined in everything he did, I just knew that whatever goal he set for himself, he'd reach it, no matter how high it was."

A Finger In The Dike

"He reminded me of the little Dutch boy in the fairy tale who kept the whole town from being flooded," she said. "I used to tell him, 'Now you put your finger in the hole like that Dutch boy, honey — And you'll be able to hold back all the water in the dike.'"

For the last 10 years, Adeline Buffone's son has plugged more than his share of holes in the left side of the Chicago Bear defense.

But, since the guy who wore number 51 in the middle had a more spectacular way of getting

the job done, it was Dick Butkus who became known to most as the greatest middle linebacker ever to play the game. While his teammate, Doug Buffone remained "good ol' number 55."

"Butkus was a cruncher all right," Adeline admitted. "His style was to play the position in a much more aggressive, animalistic way. That's obviously not Doug's style. In fact, I don't remember him having two personal fouls called against him in all the time he's been playing."

"But I always felt he played Butkus even," she said. "Dikey's not aggressively mean like Dick was. But he's got the know-how and the smarts to sniff out a play, so he can be there to stop it."

A talent which Adeline considers well deserving of yet another nickname.

In On Every Play

"I call him 'Bird-dog,'" Mama Buffone said. "Just watch the Chicago defense for a while, and you'll see he's in on practically every play — just like a bird dog who's got the offense psyched out ahead of time."

Then she paused for an uncomfortably long sigh.

"And I don't want you to think I'm at all biased just because I'm his mother."

Papa Bear certainly doesn't think so. In fact, team owner George Halas has been so pleased with Doug Buffone's 10-year service record, he made it a point to send his mother a personal letter of thanks at the end of the 1975 season, just to show his appreciation.

"Mr. Halas told me what a gentleman he thought Doug was, and how much he'd contributed to the team over the years," Adeline said. "Then he said in all his years in football, there were only three players he'd never have traded away. Gale Sayers, Dick Butkus, and my Doug Buffone."

Adeline says considering the source, that's quite a compliment. Even for a mother as proud as herself.

Memories

In fact, Mamma Buffone says her son's pro football career has afforded her so many rewarding memories, if he decided to make 1976 his final season, she'd have only a few regrets.

"A long time ago, after the Bears had completed a horrendous 1-13 season," Adeline said, "I told Mike Ditka, 'Mike, I feel so helpless. I pray for all you boys to win before every one of your games. It seems I'm forever lighting candles at the altar. But somehow, it never works.'"

"And Mike put his arm around me and said, 'Mom, (all the old players called me Mom) — that's because you're always buying those cheap three-for-a-quarter candles. The dollar ones are the only candles that ever work.'"

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BONUS BABY . . . Doug Buffone receives his 1966 rookie bonus check. Looking on are his proud parents — mother Adeline (in middle) and father Sam (at the right). (Photo by Samson)





1976 National Football League Schedule

(All Times Local)

First Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Baltimore 27, New England 13
Cincinnati 17, Denver 7
Chicago 10, Detroit 3
Los Angeles 30, Atlanta 14
Minnesota 40, New Orleans 9
Washington 19, New York Giants 17
Cleveland 38, New York Jets 17
Dallas 27, Philadelphia 7
Oakland 31, Pittsburgh 28
St. Louis 30, Seattle 24
San Diego 30, Kansas City 16
San Francisco 26, Green Bay 14
Houston 20, Tampa Bay 0

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Miami at Buffalo 9:00

Second Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Atlanta at Detroit 1:00
Chicago at San Francisco 1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore 2:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
Dallas at New Orleans 1:00
Green Bay at St. Louis 1:00
Houston at Buffalo 1:00
Los Angeles at Minnesota 3:00
Miami at New England 1:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia 1:00
New York Jets at Denver 2:00
San Diego at Tampa Bay 1:00
Seattle at Washington 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Oakland at Kansas City 8:00

Third Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Atlanta at Chicago 1:00
Baltimore at Dallas 3:00
Buffalo at Tampa Bay 1:00
Cleveland at Denver 2:00
Green Bay at Cincinnati 1:00
Minnesota at Detroit 1:00
New England at Pittsburgh 1:00
New Orleans at Kansas City 1:00
New York Giants at Los Angeles 1:00
New York Jets at Miami 1:00
Oakland at Houston 1:00
St. Louis at San Diego 1:00
San Francisco at Seattle 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Washington at Philadelphia 9:00

Fourth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
Dallas at Seattle 1:00
Detroit at Green Bay 1:00
Houston at New Orleans 1:00
Kansas City at Buffalo 1:00
Los Angeles at Miami 4:00
New York Giants at St. Louis 1:00
Oakland at New England 1:00
New York Jets at San Francisco 1:00
Philadelphia at Atlanta 1:00
San Diego at Denver 2:00
Tampa Bay at Baltimore 2:00
Washington at Chicago 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pittsburgh at Minnesota 8:00

Fifth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00
Buffalo at New York Jets 1:00
Chicago at Minnesota 1:00
Dallas at New York Giants 1:00
Denver at Houston 1:00
Kansas City at Washington 1:00
Miami at Baltimore 4:00
New England at Detroit 1:00
Oakland at San Diego 1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00
Seattle vs. Green Bay (Milw.) 1:00
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

San Francisco at Los Angeles 6:00

Sixth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Baltimore at Buffalo 1:00
Chicago at Los Angeles 1:00
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
Cleveland at Atlanta 1:00
Dallas at St. Louis 3:00
Detroit at Washington 1:00
Houston at San Diego 1:00
Kansas City at Miami 1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00
New York Giants at Minnesota 1:00
Oakland at Denver 2:00
Philadelphia at Green Bay 1:00
Seattle at Tampa Bay 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

New York Jets at New England 9:00

Seventh Weekend

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Atlanta at San Francisco 7:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Baltimore at New York Jets 1:00
Chicago at Dallas 1:00
Cincinnati at Houston 3:00
Denver at Kansas City 1:00
Detroit at Seattle 1:00
Green Bay at Oakland 1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans 1:00
Miami at Tampa Bay 1:00
Minnesota at Philadelphia 1:00
New England at Buffalo 1:00
Pittsburgh at New York Giants 1:00
San Diego at Cleveland 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

St. Louis at Washington 9:00

Eighth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
Dallas at Washington 4:00
Denver at Oakland 1:00
Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
Kansas City at Tampa Bay 1:00
Minnesota at Chicago 1:00
New England at Miami 1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants 1:00
San Diego at Pittsburgh 1:00
San Francisco at St. Louis 1:00
Seattle at Los Angeles 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Houston at Baltimore 9:00

Ninth Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Atlanta at Seattle 1:00
Baltimore at San Diego 1:00
Buffalo at New England 1:00
Cleveland at Houston 1:00
Detroit at Minnesota 3:00
Miami at New York Jets 1:00
New Orleans vs. Green Bay (Milw.) 1:00
New York Giants at Dallas 1:00
Oakland at Chicago 1:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis 1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City 1:00
Tampa Bay at Denver 2:00
Washington at San Francisco 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Los Angeles at Cincinnati 9:00

Tenth Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Chicago at Green Bay 1:00
Denver at San Diego 1:00
Detroit at New Orleans 1:00
Houston at Cincinnati 1:00
Kansas City at Oakland 1:00
Miami at Pittsburgh 4:00
New England at Baltimore 2:00
Philadelphia at Cleveland 1:00
St. Louis at Los Angeles 1:00
San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00
Seattle at Minnesota 1:00
Tampa Bay at New York Jets 1:00
Washington at New York Giants 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Buffalo at Dallas 8:00

Eleventh Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Chicago at Detroit 1:00
Cincinnati at Kansas City 1:00
Cleveland at Tampa Bay 1:00
Dallas at Atlanta 1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
Los Angeles at San Francisco 1:00
Minnesota vs. Green Bay (Milw.) 1:00
New England at New York Jets 1:00
New Orleans at Seattle 1:00
New York Giants at Denver 2:00
Oakland at Philadelphia 1:00
San Diego at Buffalo 1:00
Washington at St. Louis 3:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Baltimore at Miami 9:00

Twelfth Weekend

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (Thanksgiving Day)

Buffalo at Detroit 12:30
St. Louis at Dallas 2:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Atlanta at Houston 1:00
Denver at New England 1:00
Green Bay at Chicago 1:00
Kansas City at San Diego 1:00
Miami at Cleveland 1:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles 1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore 2:00
Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 3:00
Seattle at New York Giants 1:00
Tampa Bay at Oakland 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Minnesota at San Francisco 6:00

Thirteenth Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Atlanta at Los Angeles 12:30
Baltimore at St. Louis 12:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Buffalo at Miami 4:00
Chicago at Seattle 1:00
Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00
Detroit at New York Giants 1:00
Green Bay at Minnesota 1:00
Houston at Cleveland 1:00
Kansas City at Denver 2:00
New Orleans at New England 1:00
San Francisco at San Diego 1:00
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh 1:00
Washington at New York Jets 1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Cincinnati at Oakland 6:00

Fourteenth Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Los Angeles at Detroit 9:00
Minnesota at Miami 1:00
Pittsburgh at Houston 2:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00
Cincinnati at New York Jets 1:00
Cleveland at Kansas City 1:00
Denver at Chicago 1:00
Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00
New England at Tampa Bay 1:00
St. Louis at New York Giants 1:00
San Diego at Oakland 1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans 1:00
Seattle at Philadelphia 1:00
Washington at Dallas 3:00

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	19
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	7	27
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	30	24

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	40	9
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	3	10
GREEN BAY	0	1	0	.000	14	26

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1.000	30	14
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	26	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	14	30
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	9	40
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	24	30

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	27	13
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	1	0	.000	13	27
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	17	38

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	38	17
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	20	0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	28	31

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	31	28
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Denver	0	1	0	.000	7	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	16	30
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	0	20

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HAMPTON, Atl. ☐
JESSIE, LA ☐
FOREMAN, Minn. ☐
BRAXTON, Buff. ☐
CLARK, Cinn. ☐
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PAYTON, Chi. ☐
CUNNINGHAM, NE ☐
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STALLWORTH, Pitt. ☐
LASH, Minn. ☐
VOIGT, Minn. ☐
HARPER, Chi. ☐
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MAXON, NO ☐
MUNCIE, NO ☐
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G. RICHARDS, Dall. ☐

C. YOUNG, Phil. ☐
MOSES, Den. ☐
VAN HUSEN, Den. ☐
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R. ODOMS, Den. ☐
PODOLAK, KC ☐
RHODES, NY ☐
D. WILLIAMS, SF ☐
W. JACKSON, SF ☐
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